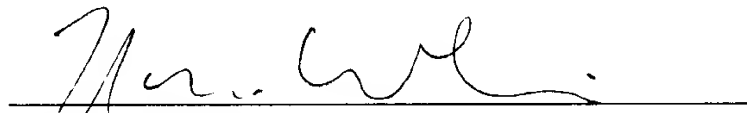


REMARKS

In this preliminary amendment, claims 1-16 have been cancelled and claims 17-44 have been added. Accordingly, claims 17-44 are now pending. Please consider the pending claims in light of the enclosed Declaration of Kyle M. Hanson Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131. If the Examiner wishes to discuss any aspects of the pending claims, he is encouraged to contact John M. Wechkin by telephone to expediently handle such matters.

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